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## Proposition 68 Draft Grant Guidelines Workshop

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# Overview: What is Prop 68?

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- Passed by voters in June 2018
- \$4 billion in bonds
- Connecting people to parks and natural spaces

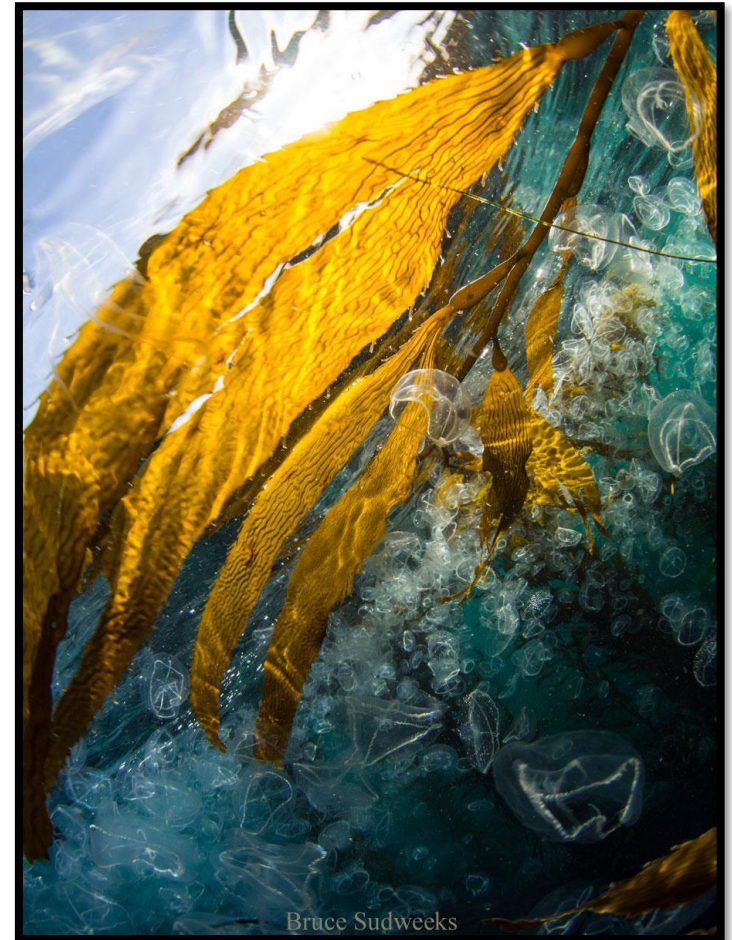


Catherine Pacheco

# Overview: What is the OPC?

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- How we work:
  - Coordination
  - Bringing science into policy
  - Recommending actions to protect the ocean ecosystems
- Funding innovative projects

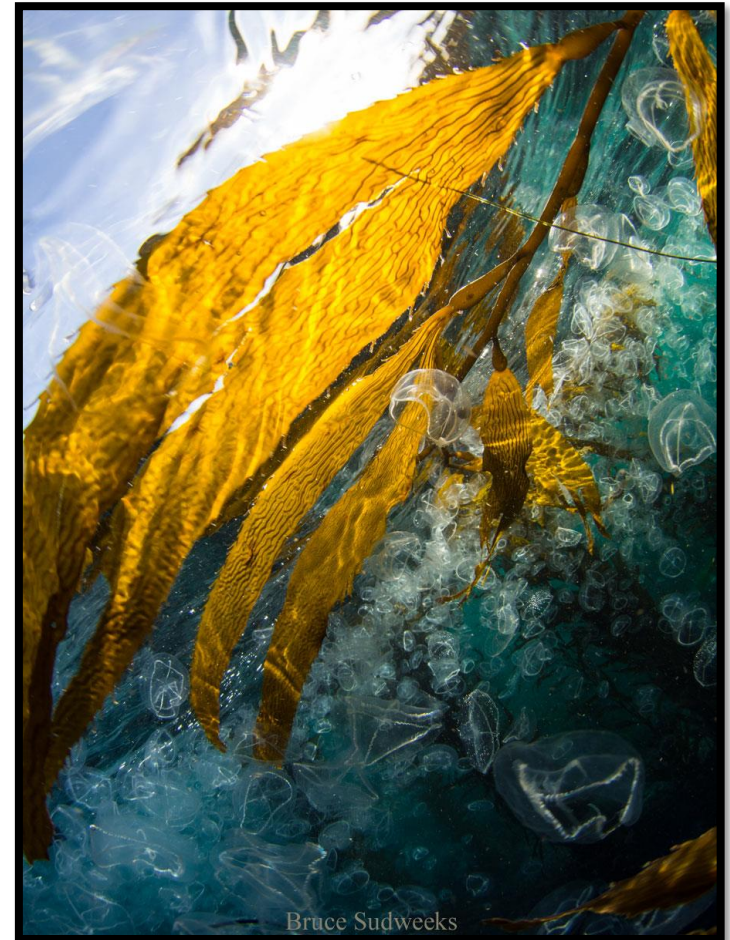




# Overview: What is the OPC?

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- OPC Program Priorities
  - Marine Protected Areas
  - Climate Change
  - Marine Pollution
  - Sustainable Fisheries
  - Habitat Restoration
  - Sustainable Ocean Economy



# Overview: Project Types

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- Prop 68 investments will include:
  - Scientific research and monitoring
  - Improving ecosystem health (e.g. restoration)
  - Advancing climate resiliency



# Overview: OPC Funding from Prop 68

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- \$35 million – Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Protection (Chapter 9)
- \$21.2 million – Climate Adaptation and Resiliency (Chapter 10)



Ronnie Goyette

# Overview: Grant Guidelines Adoption Process

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- January 7<sup>th</sup>: Draft Guidelines Released
- February 11<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>: Workshops/Webinar
- February 28<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for Comments
- May 15<sup>th</sup>: OPC considers adopting revised Guidelines



# Grant Guidelines vs. Solicitation

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- Today we're discussing and taking comment on the grant guidelines
- Solicitations will be released once the grant guidelines are revised and finalized.

Guidelines	Solicitation
Eligible and Ineligible projects for funding	Minimum and Maximum funding amounts
Overview of technical assistance activities	Additional details on technical assistance
Covers all program areas	Identifies specific program areas or topics



# Eligibility Requirements

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- Applicants:
  - Public Agencies (local, state, federal)
  - Public or Private Universities
  - Nonprofit Organizations (501(c)(3))
  - Private Entities
  - Tribes



Gary Powell

# Eligibility Requirements

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- Capacity to manage a grant is critical!
  - Tracking and reporting financial operations associated with the grant
  - OPC provides funds on a reimbursement basis and withholds 10% until project completion



John Charles Bruckman

# Eligibility Requirements

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- Project Timing:
  - Must provide long-term benefits to the state
    - › Minimum of 15-30 years
  - 1-4 year project implementation period
- Project Permitting:
  - CEQA compliance and permitting must be complete



# Prop 68 Call-outs and Funding Requirements

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- Severely Disadvantaged Communities\*
  - At least 15% of funds
  - Potential for advanced payments
- Technical Assistance
  - Up to 10% of funds
  - Stand-alone
- Community Access
  - Up to 5% of funds
  - Within a larger project





# Prop 68 Call-outs and Funding Requirements

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- Planning and Monitoring
  - Up to 10% of funds
  - May not be used for permitting costs
- California Conservation Corps Consultation
  - Projects with the Corps receive preference
  - New Consultation Procedure in Appendix D



# Competitive Grant Program

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- Application Process
  1. Research, obtain permits, prepare project information
  2. Prepare letter of intent (optional)
  3. Prepare full proposals and submit applications
    - › Guidelines Section 3.3
  4. Proposal Evaluation
    - › Guidelines Section 3.5
  5. Project Recommendation to OPC



# Competitive Grant Program

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- Scoring Criteria – starts on page 13
  - Main scoring criteria and additional scoring for chapter 9 and 10. The maximum points possible is 100.

Main Scoring Criteria:	75 points
Marine Ecosystems Scoring Criteria:	+ 25 points
Total points possible:	100 points

Main Scoring Criteria:	75 points
Ocean Climate Scoring Criteria:	+ 25 points
Total points possible:	100 points

Projects may only be considered under the chapter 9 or chapter 10 additional scoring, not both.

# Discretionary Grant Program

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- Unsolicited proposals should address OPC priorities
- Must meet all eligibility requirements
- Evaluated using criteria in section 3.5, however proposals will not receive scores





# OPC Grant Requirements

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- Grant Agreement Timing: 3 months
- Work is only eligible within the grant agreement timeframe.
- Total grant administration costs: 15% of the budget
- Prop 68 acknowledgement and signage
- Data Sharing: Open Data Platform



Phil Garner

# Next Steps

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- **February 28: Deadline for comment submission**
  - We're accepting oral comments, we will also accept written comments: [Prop68@resources.ca.gov](mailto:Prop68@resources.ca.gov)
- May 15: Revised Guidelines considered at OPC Meeting



# Questions?

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# Thank you!

To submit comments or questions email  
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